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9th MSC's best warriors compete

Sgt. Jonathan Buasuwan, 797th Eng. Co., 411th Eng. Bn., 9th Mission Support Command, fires an M4 carbine, and Sgt. Daniel Alsdorf (left inset) orients himself during the land navigation course and gives his all during the push-up portion (right inset) of the three-event physical fitness test. (M4 photo by Staff Sgt. Chanelcherie DeMello; land navigation photo by Staff Sgt. Joseph Vine; push-up photo by Spc. David Harthcock. All photographers are 305th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment.)

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9th Mission Support Command

FORT SHAFTER FLATS — The 9th Mission Support Command kicked off the Pacific Army Reserve Best Warrior Competition (BWC) at Schofield Barracks, Saturday, pitting 11 Reserve Soldiers in a head-to-head battle for the coveted titles of Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

The participants represent the best Soldiers

and NCOs from major subordinate units within the Pacific Army Reserve, which encompasses Alaska, American Samoa, Japan, Korea, Saipan, Guam and Hawaii.

In the day's first event, the Reservists pushed themselves to the limit by competing for the highest possible scores in an Army Physical Fitness Test. Throughout the afternoon, the Soldiers showcased their marksmanship abilities by firing pistols and rifles in timed events. The day ended with a night-firing challenge.

This regionally significant event is far from over. The Soldiers face five additional days of physically and mentally demanding challenges, to include a 12-mile road march, medical simulations, modern Army combatives and land navigation.

"This is an opportunity for Soldiers to test themselves in how well they can endure warrior challenges and interaction with other Soldiers," said Command Sgt. Maj. Randall Harr, senior enlisted leader, 303rd Maneuver Enhancement

Brigade, and executive agent in charge of the event. "It's a competition, but also a great bonding experience."

It was long road to the Best Warrior for contending Soldiers. The competitors trained for weeks, going head-to-head against peers within their respective units in order to qualify.

"It feels good to do my best for my unit," said

See BWC A-4



Commanders and senior enlisted leaders receive the prestigious Brig. Gen. J.P. Holland Award, recognizing the 58th MP Co. as the best in the Army. Pictured are (from left) Lt. Col. Theresa Farrell, commander, 728th MP Bn; Maj. Gen. Stephen Lyons, commander, 8th TSC; Capt. Daniel Grollier, commander, 58th MP Co.; 1st Sgt. Anthony Doucet, senior enlisted leader, 58th MP Co.; and Command Sgt. Maj. Bradley Cross, senior enlisted leader, 728th MP Bn.

58th MP awarded Army's best

STAFF SGT. RICHARD SHERBA

8th Military Police Brigade Public Affairs,
8th Theater Sustainment Command

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — In a ceremony held May 2, the 58th Military Police Company, 728th MP Battalion, 8th MP Brigade, 8th Theater

Sustainment Command, was recognized with the prestigious Brig. Gen. J.P. Holland Award 2012 as the best MP company in the entire U.S. Army for fiscal year 2012.

MP units are evaluated in the areas of training

See 58TH A-4

Virtual forum offers real answers

Facebook Town Hall is Tuesday at 6 p.m.

LACEY JUSTINGER

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — Soldiers and families stationed on U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii's installations are encouraged to share community-wide concerns during the upcoming Facebook Town Hall, 6-7:30 p.m., May 28.

Virtual attendees are encouraged to post their concerns in the days prior to the town hall, which is held on a separate "Event" page at www.facebook.com/usaghawaii.

"U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii is committed to delivering a standard of excellence in everything we do to support each warrior, family and the community," said Col. Daniel Whitney, commander, USAG-HI.

Garrison subject matter experts will re-

spond to concerns that impact the entire installation or community during the hour-and-a-half timeframe.

Participants are urged to be patient, as subject matter experts take the time to ensure they understand the concern before posting a complete and concise response. All original comments posted before or during the town hall will be answered, if not during the event, in the days following.

Comments posted after the town hall closes at 7:30 p.m. should be addressed to other venues, including the Interactive Customer Service (ICE) program at <http://ice.disa.mil> or via email at AskTheCommander.usa ghi@us.army.mil.

"USAG-HI's goal is to provide positive, professional and polite customer service to our Soldiers, families and civilians," said Jennifer Mootz, the garrison's acting deputy.

See FBTH A-3





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Police Call

Increase in property losses due to neglect

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Recently, the Directorate of Emergency Services noted an increasing number of larcenies and thefts on U. S. Army Garrison-Hawaii installations.

The main targets of these crimes have been unattended vehicles left unsecured in resident parking spots and garages.

Items reported stolen include personal electronic devices, military ID cards, wallets, jewelry and other car keys.

DES reminds readers that by taking practical, common sense precautions, most instances of theft can be easily prevented. Lock all doors when leaving your residence and make sure privately owned vehicles are secured, even when parking at your residence.

Do not leave spare keys and ID cards unattended in your vehicles. Use bike locks for bicycles and mopeds, and keep all sensitive/valuable items secured in a locked container. Take special care when

dealing with government issued equipment and practice good accountability.

(Editor's note: All of this week's Police Call blotter entries are for unlawful entry and larceny of private property, including a truck, and in all cases, the suspect remains at large.)

•May 2, the Schofield Barracks Police Desk was notified of a larceny. An unknown individual removed a GPS and an unknown amount of cash from the victim's vehicle while it was unattended in James Madison Court (Schofield Barracks). The victim claimed the vehicle was locked while it was parked; however, there were no signs of forced entry.

•May 5, DES was notified of a theft that occurred in Crispus Attucks Court



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(Patriot Park). An unknown individual entered the Soldier's vehicle and stole numerous items to include portable music, a video and game device, GPS, a digital camera and a wallet containing two debit cards, five credit cards, a social security card and a birth certificate. The vehicle had been left unsecured overnight, and there were no signs of forced entry.

•May 5, a family member reported that an unknown suspect removed an unsecured and unattended purse from her residence in Crispus Attucks Court.

•May 6, three unrelated residents reported that items were missing from their POVs left unsecured at residences overnight. Missing items included personal electronics, wedding bands, a coach lanyard, an AAFES identification card and a digital camera. There were no signs of forced entry upon inspection by MPs.

•May 8, the Fort Shafter Police Desk was notified of a stolen vehicle in the

Ama community (Aliamanu Military Reservation). An investigation by MPs revealed that an unsecured and unattended sport utility vehicle (SUV) had numerous items removed, including a set of house keys, a computer tablet and a set of keys to the pickup truck parked next to the SUV. Using keys found in the SUV, the suspect stole the pickup truck, and its location is unknown at this time. Investigation of the incident is ongoing by Military Police Investigations and Honolulu Police Department.

Upcoming Community Events

DES is participating in the following events:

- May 27: USAG-HI Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony (SB Post Cemetery)
- May 28: USAG-HI Facebook Town Hall
- June 16-21: Operation: Military Kids (YMCA Camp Erman, North Shore Oahu)
- June 22: Red Bull Jams Set

BACKTObASICS

Mentorship creates a win-win situation for Army

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The Army defines leadership as “the process of influencing people by providing purpose, direction and motivation to accomplish the mission and improve the organization.”

Leaders develop their Soldiers and help them learn by using a variety of tools, counseling, coaching and mentorship, along with institutional and organizational training.

Regulations further define mentorship as “a voluntary developmental relationship that exists between a person of greater experience and a person of lesser experience that is characterized by mutual trust and respect.”

At 18th Medical Command (Deployment Support), mentorship is comprised of two basic levels: organizational and directorate.



Jackson

Organizational mentorship. It uses the policies and training that the commander publishes as guiding tools for mentoring. These policies pertain to all personnel assigned, attached or under the operational command of the 18th MEDCOM (DS).

Basic policies for Soldiers range from military customs and courtesies to equal opportunity and sexual harassment and assault prevention. Every staff section conducts training on a weekly basis that includes tasks encompassing the Mission Essential Task List (METL) and the Combined Arms Training System (CATS).

The commander establishes the unit METLs, and each section develops its respective CATS tasks to coincide with the unit METL. Staff sections concentrate on different CATS each week to ensure they are competent in their specific areas of expertise.

Every Thursday, from 6:30 a.m.-noon, time is allotted for mentorship training. Noncommissioned officers perform the section training and task junior Soldiers to assist with researching and presenting the subjects, guiding us through the process and providing feedback. This

method grants us the opportunity to learn the necessary skills and knowledge on how to acquire information and to gain proficiency at effectively instructing Soldiers.

The command also influences mentorship by allowing junior NCOs to instruct physical training to the senior staff on the first working day of each week.

With the introduction of the Physical Readiness Training standard, many Soldiers were confused on the proper practices, procedures and commands of the new physical fitness instruction. The senior NCOs worked with us until we were confident enough to instruct each other, and then they advanced us to the company level. Junior enlisteds are emboldened by seeing sergeants and staff sergeants effectively instructing the unit.

Directorate mentorship. It is developed through structured development (e.g., counseling, coaching, individual values and ethical beliefs.) We received counseling in the form of integration and reception, professional or other event-driven counseling, both positive and negative.

Integration and reception counseling

assists incoming Soldiers with orienting to the unit, what is expected of them, description of the work environment and the challenges and benefits of living in Hawaii.

In our section, each junior NCO is assigned a Soldier to counsel under the supervision of one of the senior NCOs. This method allows us to practice developing writing skills and provides counseling experience under the mentorship of a senior NCO.

Additionally, officers and senior NCOs routinely pull Soldiers aside to share Army lessons and lessons about life. This method provides an atmosphere that is rich in sharing knowledge and actively grooms junior Soldiers for future leadership challenges.

Through mentorship, mentors and Soldiers can uncover hidden potential and awaken their enthusiasm. A well-conducted mentorship program builds cohesive teams, fosters professionalism, and organizational learning, and creates a win-win situation for everyone.

(Editor's note: Jackson is the patient administration noncommissioned officer at 18th MEDCOM.)

FOOTSTEPS in FAITH

Memorial Day honors those who sacrificed everything

Kapaun died for others

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Last month, President Obama honored a fallen hero more than 60 years after his death.

Chaplain (Capt.) Emil Kapaun of the 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions during the Korean War.

Kapaun's fellow Soldiers worked for years to have his sacrifice honored with the nation's highest military award because of the courage and personal sacrifice that he displayed, especially while in a North Korean prisoner of war camp. His comrades tell stories of hundreds being saved directly through his actions during combat and his time as a POW.

One fellow POW tells the story of how

the chaplain, risking his own life, shoved an enemy Soldier out of the way who was about to execute a wounded man, and then he carried him on their march to the prison camp. Others tell of how he would steal food for the other prisoners and care for the sick and dying.

During his remarks, the President said Kapaun was “an American Soldier who didn't fire a gun, but who wielded the mightiest weapon of all — a love for his brothers so pure that he was willing to die so that they might live.”

As we reflect on Memorial Day and the sacrifice of American service members, it's important to remember that stories like Kapaun's are not the exception, but rather the norm for our fighting



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men and women. Not all receive medals for their actions and even less receive great notoriety. In fact, most carry on seeking no credit for their actions, and if they give their life in that last great act of heroism, their stories go mostly unknown by the country at large.

Their families are left missing someone dear to their hearts; their brothers and sisters in arms mournfully and solemnly salute a display of rifle, boots and, tags. Yet, so many more are impacted by such acts of love.

The greatest gift that God gives a nation is a special group of people willing to lay down their lives for their brothers and sisters. Jesus said, “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”

Memorial Day is such an important day in the life of this nation, because without the sacrifice in love of those we celebrate on Memorial Day, this nation would not exist.

Some final thoughts regarding Chap-

lain Kapaun's sacrifice to reflect on this Memorial Day: His actions were completely voluntary, demonstrating just how loving they were. He ended up in the POW camp as a direct result of a series of choices. He chose to put on a uniform to serve God and country. He chose to serve during a time of war. And he chose to stay behind as the position was being overrun in order to care for the wounded.

For more than 237 years, men and women of the United States have volunteered for service in the military. Throughout our history, approximately 1.3 million have died in the cause of freedom, and an additional 2.7 million have been wounded. Most of those were volunteers who made the choice to sacrifice for our freedom.

Let us celebrate their courage with our words and honor them with our actions this Memorial Day. Let us pray for their families and thank God for their sacrifice.

Voices of O'hana

Memorial Day is May 27.

“Who do you honor on Memorial Day?”

Photos by 8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs



“I honor my dad. He served and was injured in Desert Storm.”

Sgt. Brandon Adams
MP investigator,
39th MP Det.,
728th MP Bn.,
8th MP Bde., 8th TSC



“I honor the current deployed Soldiers from all services and also those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.”

Staff Sgt. Kevin Codwell
Assistant S1 NCOIC,
205th MI Bn.,
500th MI Bde.



“First, I honor our heavenly father, and secondly, I honor those who have and are currently sacrificing their lives for our freedom.”

Lt. Col. Clyde Colby
Deputy command chaplain, USARPAC



“I honor George Washington. He was the first president and father of our country.”

Alex Dayrit
Budget analyst,
8th TSC




“I honor all of our Soldiers and service members who have made that ultimate sacrifice. I want to remember those Soldiers who I was close with who have made that same sacrifice.”

Jay Herrata
Contractor

Odierno addresses sexual assaults, harassment

GEN. RAYMOND ODIERNO
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U.S. Army



Odierno

Over the last 12 years of war, our Army has demonstrated exceptional competence, courage and resiliency in adapting to the demands of war and accomplishing the mission. Today, however, the Army is failing in its efforts to combat sexual assault and sexual harassment. It is time we take on the fight against sexual assault and sexual harassment as our primary mission. It is up to every

one of us, civilian and Soldier, general officer to private, to solve this problem within our ranks. The Army is committed to the safety and security of every Soldier, civilian and family member. Our Army is based on a bedrock of trust — the trust between Soldiers and leaders that we will take care of each other. Recent incidents of sexual assault and sexual harassment demonstrate that we have violated that trust. In fact, these acts violate everything our Army stands for. They are contrary to our Army Values and they must not be tolerated. It is up to every individual to contribute to a culture in which our Soldiers, civilians and family members can reach their full potential. It is imperative that we protect potential victims from ever experiencing a sexual crime.

We must provide compassionate care and protect survivors after a crime has been committed. Our people must be confident that complaints will be handled quickly and decisively, and that our system will deliver justice and protection throughout the reporting, investigation and adjudication process. Commanders, noncommissioned officers and law enforcement must ensure that every allegation of sexual assault and sexual harassment is thoroughly and professionally investigated and that appropriate action is taken. Leaders at every level are responsible for establishing a command climate and culture of mutual respect, trust and safety. Leaders must develop systems to “see” their units and understand the extent to which their leadership promotes a

positive command climate for all Soldiers. I urge everyone to start a conversation within your unit or organization, among leaders, peers and subordinates, and with family and friends, to better understand one another’s experiences and to develop better solutions to this problem. Our profession is built on the bedrock of trust; sexual assault and sexual harassment betray that trust. They have a corrosive effect on our unit readiness, team cohesion, good order and discipline. We are entrusted with ensuring the health and welfare of America’s sons and daughters. There are no bystanders in this effort. Our Soldiers, their families and the American people are counting on us to lead the way in solving this problem within our ranks.

DOD aims to reduce adverse effects of civilian furloughs

Productivity and morale impacted, say officials

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American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Following Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel’s announcement last week that most Defense Department civilian employees will experience up to 11 furlough days from early July through September, senior defense officials emphasized their goal to reduce adverse effects on the workforce and the mission. Speaking to Pentagon reporters on background, two senior defense officials discussed

details of the furlough and exemptions and stressed their intent to lessen its effects. One official said it appears that about 15 percent — 120,000 of the department’s roughly 800,000 civilian employees — will be exempt from the furlough, and that number could rise once issues involving intelligence personnel are resolved. While the furloughs will save the DOD \$1.8 billion, “it’s not something that we wanted to do,” the official said. Part of the department’s plan to reduce the furlough’s effects is to ask Congress to allow shifting funds from one account to another, the official said. The services previously had taken steps in an

attempt to avoid furlough, the official noted, with the Army canceling most of its combat training rotations. “These people aren’t doing PowerPoint slides in the Pentagon,” the official said. “They are mostly outside of the Pentagon. They fix our ships, our tanks, our planes ... I think we are going to seriously adversely affect the productivity in almost all support areas of the DOD.” Despite efforts to mitigate the impact of furloughs, the official said, there will still be an unavoidable effect. “I think that the anticipated impact (will) clearly be the morale of our employees,” the official said. “I can tell you that we value every single civilian that works in the DOD, and 86 percent of

them work outside of the national capitol region. They all add value to the mission that we do as a total force, and they’re clearly part of that total force.” Both senior defense officials emphasized the DOD’s reluctance to implement furloughs, but said the decision ultimately was made after exhausting all other options. “This is one of the most distasteful tasks I’ve had in more than 30 years of government service,” the first official said. “We depend on these people to do all of the things I mentioned before. I find it very tasteless.” “It’s a very painful process,” the second official said. “(The decision) wasn’t made lightly. It was made with a lot of pain and anguish.”

FBTH: Attendees’ conduct must represent courtesy, respect and Army Values

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Those interacting on the page should review the posting policy located under the “About” tab. Comments that include swearing or comments that are personal attacks, racist, obscene or abusive will be removed, and the user may be banned from the page. “Attendees should remember that they are representatives of the Army at all times and need

to conduct themselves according to the Army Values,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Phillip Brunwald, senior enlisted leader for the garrison. “Facebook posts should be as respectful as if you were addressing someone face-to-face.” If the Facebook town halls continue to breed malicious behavior both toward the garrison and fellow members of the Army family, USAG-HI may revert to holding the quarterly town halls in a live setting.

Posting Tips

Don’t get lost in the shuffle, Tuesday evening. Post your query in the days and hours prior to the live event before the page gets extremely active. Follow these tips, too:

- Don’t repost your question. This process doesn’t help it get answered faster. All original comments posted before or during

the town hall will be answered in a couple days.

- Can’t see your post? Refresh the page. No comments are deleted unless they violate the posting policy.
- Include as much detail as possible, including items like the neighborhood, street and intersection, if applicable.

Combat lifesavers recertified

Story and photo by
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Public Affairs Office

FORT SHAFTER — Combat medics play an important role in the Army, providing first aid and trauma care to wounded Soldiers, but they can’t be everywhere at once.

When the call for “Medic!” goes out, the first person who responds may not be an actual medic.

That’s why it’s so important to have trained combat lifesavers, said Sgt. Stephen Yang, a senior medic with Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army-Pacific.

“The Combat Lifesaver Course teaches Soldiers how to provide immediate care on and off the battlefield and dives into more detail than basic first aid training does,” said Yang.

Yang recently instructed a daylong CLS recertification course to Soldiers of HSC and the USARPAC Contingency Command Post.

CCP is comprised of a 96-person cell that can perform the same functions as a theater-army headquarters. Soldiers of the CCP remain prepared constantly to support a variety of missions, including humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, civil-military coordination, noncombatant evacuation and peace operations.

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Nilon, CCP operations, said training like this was an essential part of the CCP’s mission readiness.

“The CCP often deploys in small teams, which is why it’s important Soldiers know lifesaving skills like CLS,” said Nilon.

The full CLS course takes a week to complete and encompasses 40 hours of training. Once Soldiers are CLS qualified, they must recertify annually to maintain their qualification.

All Soldiers receive basic first aid training during Army basic training, but Combat Lifesaver training takes that one step further. Combat lifesavers serve as vital first responders, providing aid to wounded Soldiers.

“It’s how these Soldiers react and the care they provide a casualty as first-line responders that can determine if someone lives or dies,” said Yang.

During the recertification, Soldiers received refresher training on basic medical tasks, learned how to identify and respond to various types of injuries, conducted a practical application and passed a written test.

Yang emphasized the importance of CLS training and recommended all Soldiers learn these valuable skills.

“Everyone needs to know how to and what to do in a medical emergency in an instant, because it’s not planned out, it’s not played out ... it happens then and there,” he said.

Staff Sgt. Anthony Bogan, a senior intelligence analyst with the USARPAC CCP, who participated in the CLS recertification, said the bottom line is CLS saves



Sgt. Stephen Yang, senior medic, HSC, HHB, USARPAC, demonstrates a nasopharyngeal airway (also known as an NPA, or nasal trumpet because of its shape) procedure, intended to secure an open airway by inserting the device into the nasal passageway, on Spc. Nathan West during a combat lifesaver recertification course, May 10. Yang said it was important for all Soldiers to know these lifesaving skills.

lives.

“CLS training can prevent death or sustain life long enough for an injured person to receive expert or trauma care. A large number of battlefield deaths can be prevented by using the principles taught in CLS, clearing the airways, controlling the bleeding and preventing the lungs from collapsing,” said Bogan.

Bogan emphasized the importance of as many Soldiers as possible being CLS qualified and getting recertified every year. Soldiers aren’t currently required by the Army to be CLS qualified, but Bogan said it’s an individual responsibility for Soldiers.

“It’s kind of like weapon proficiency. Every Soldier is responsible for that, and I think they should be proficient in CLS as well,” Bogan added.

BWC: Best advance to Ft. McCoy

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Spc. David Westman, health care specialist, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 411th Engineer Battalion, 9th MSC.

Sgt. 1st Class Aleksander Naluai, BWC noncommissioned officer in charge, confirmed the importance of the competition and benefits garnered for the individual Soldiers — and for the Army — throughout each event.

“The competition establishes camaraderie among the units that compete and a sense of pride for the winners,” said Naluai. “It allows the NCOs and Soldiers to refresh their skills, not just

for BWC, but for use within their units.”

The top Pacific Army Reserve Soldier and NCO from the competition will be honored at an awards ceremony, here. These best warriors will go on to represent the Pacific Army Reserve at the U.S. Army Reserve Command BWC at Fort McCoy, Wis., later this year.

The 9th MSC is a U.S. Army Reserve command assigned to U.S. Army-Pacific, and is located at Fort Shafter. It serves as the headquarters for all Army Reserve Soldiers in the Pacific theater, with major subordinate units stationed across the region in Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, Saipan, American Samoa, Japan and Korea.

58th: Team effort recognized

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assessment, weapons qualifications, physical fitness, noncommissioned officer education, military education, civilian education, re-enlistment, unit awards, individual awards, unit discipline, foundations of excellence and external evaluations.

“Absolutely incredible. You just don’t get this award for doing one thing well; you get this award for doing everything well,” said Maj. Gen. David Quantock, Provost Marshal General of the Army Commanding General, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command and Army Corrections Command, during his remarks in a congratulatory video teleconference call with the Soldiers of the 58th MP Co. “My congratulations to all of you for what you do, downrange and law enforcement, there, every single day.”

Maj. Gen Stephen Lyons, commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Nathan Hunt III, senior enlisted leader, 8th TSC, presented the award.

“This team has accomplished a lot. When you talk about excellence, you have to recognize units like the 58th. As I read the history of your tour in Afghanistan, it was really impressive,” said Lyons. “What dawned on me, for you to have accomplished that mission so well, was that your children

and grandchildren will pick up that dossier one day and will read it just like we read about our World War II heroes today.”

After the ceremony, Sgt. David Williams, team leader, 3rd Platoon, 58th MP Co., took time to reflect on the impact on his Soldiers of the award.

“It has given them a distinguished persona about themselves. They know they have the J.P. Holland behind them to help fuel their future endeavors. They earned this, so they want to keep up the persona of being the best MP unit,” said Williams.

1st Sgt. Anthony Doucet, 58th MP Co., also reflected on his Soldiers and the award.

“A military police Soldier in today’s Army can deploy for a year, train (Afghan police) and come back and still work the road and enforce the laws, here or anywhere,” said Doucet. “Having the 8th TSC commanding general present us with this award kind of puts a huge weight on our shoulders, a weight that this unit is willing to carry.”

The first sergeant also spoke about the team effort that makes up the award-winning MP company.


“It takes a team to get this machine going. It takes a big team,” said Doucet, referring to the different sections and diverse Soldiers who are crucial in accomplishing the mission.

Memorial Day weekend is time for safety awareness

LT. GEN. FRANCIS WIERCINSKI

Commanding General

U.S. Army-Pacific



Wiercinski

This Memorial Day, we will pay honor and tribute to all the men and women who gave their lives defending our nation and enabling us to enjoy the many freedoms we know as Americans.

With your support, we can make this holiday weekend more memorable by not losing a single Soldier, family member or civilian employee to needless accidents or injuries.

Memorial Day also marks the close of a four-day holiday weekend and the beginning of the summer season. The U.S. Army-Pacific theater includes some of the most pristine, diverse and potentially dangerous environments in the world. Commanders must ensure that our personnel are aware of, and prepared for, the increased risks associated with the season.

Off-duty accidents continue to be our top concern. We have already lost four USARPAC Soldiers to preventable off-duty accidents during

FY13. To address this serious issue, the Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center has developed a tailorable presentation to assist commanders with increasing off-duty safety awareness.

Remember, it takes proactive leadership, discipline and teamwork to ensure everyone in USARPAC stays safe this summer. We all need to do our part to reduce preventable accidents, but I expect all leaders to make it their top priority to finish this year without another single fatal accident.

I know we can do it!

Summer Safety

Check out the Army’s “Know the Signs” Summer Safety Campaign and the other safety resources:

- <https://safety.army.mil/multimedia/CAMPAIGNSINITIATIVES/KnowtheSigns/tabid/2369/Default.aspx>.
- <https://safety.army.mil/multimedia/CAMPAIGNSINITIATIVES/OffDutySafetyAwarenessPresentation/tabid/984/Default.aspx>.



2013 CEREMONIES

Sunday, May 26

9:30 a.m., Waialua Lions Club Memorial Day — Open to North Shore community members, veterans and families, Haleiwa Beach Park; call Charlyn Sales at 655-1699.

10 a.m., Waikiki World War I Natatorium Memorial Day Ceremony — Public ceremony. Lt. Gen Francis Wiercinski, commander, U.S.Army-Pacific, will represent active duty military personnel. Call 944-4070 or 258-5881.

10 a.m., Pacific American Foundation Roll Call of Honor — Public ceremony with a joint service color guard and an Air Force rifle salute and bugler, Punchbowl, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Call Robert Kahihikolo at 263-0081.

1 p.m., Boy Scout Good Turn Ceremony — Attendance limited to Boy Scouts and their families. Boy Scouts will place flags and lei on each grave at Punchbowl, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Call Autumn Winsett at 380-5432.

5 p.m., Vietnam Veterans Candle-light Ceremony — Public ceremony with a Marine band and rifle salute, and a Rolling Thunder motorcycle rally, Punchbowl, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Call Carswell Ross at 422-4000.

Monday, May 27

8:45 a.m., Mayor’s Memorial Day Ceremony — Largest public ceremony on Oahu. Mayor Caldwell will be keynote speaker with a joint service color guard, a Navy bugler, and an Air Force rifle salute and flyover, Punchbowl, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Call Gary Cabato at 768-3009.

10 a.m., Installation Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony — Keynote speaker with a single service color guard and a rifle salute, Schofield Barracks Post Cemetery. Call Ted Tajeron at 655-4259.

1 p.m., Governor’s Memorial Day Ceremony — Public ceremony; Gov. Abercrombie will be keynote speaker with a joint service color guard and rifle salute and an Air Force flyover, Kaneohe, Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery. Call Willie Hirokane at 233-3630.

Bronze memorial honors 25th ID fallen from past conflicts

25TH INFANTRY DIVISION PUBLIC AFFAIRS

News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Four Soldiers cast in bronze and dressed in combat period uniforms stand in memoriam of their fallen comrades from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq.

As these Tropic Lightning Soldiers forever gaze at the boots, rifle, helmet and dog tags of those who made the ultimate sacrifice, 3,000 engraved bricks line the courtyard behind them as a tribute to all Soldiers who have served with the 25th Infantry Division.

“The 25th ID Memorial represents a contemporary Soldier contemplating the sacrifice and loss of a fellow Soldier, and three generations of Tropic Lightning Warriors who share the experience of service, sacrifice and loss through their own service in the 25th Division,” said Butch

Sincock, executive director of the 25th ID Memorial Association.

The life-size memorial is located near the entrance of the 25th ID headquarters building, facing the flagpole on Weyand Field. Family members, visitors and distinguished guests to Schofield often stop by the memorial and brick courtyard to take photos, lay wreaths or flowers and read the names of Soldiers honored.

The memorial site is also used for re-enlistments, awards, promotions and retirement ceremonies.

Plans are in the works to add another bronze Soldier to the memorial — a female. The Wahine Warrior will represent the two Tropic Lightning female Soldiers who died in combat, and the more than 12,000 women who have served with the 25th ID in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“She represents the service and sacrifice of

thousands of women who have deployed with the 25th Division over the past decade and continue to constitute an important component of our division today and into the future,” Sincock said.

A replica of the memorial is being constructed behind the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, Ga., as part of the 25th ID “United by Sacrifice” memorial.

The brick memorial courtyard is also being expanded to make room for more tributes to Tropic Lightning Soldiers. The original layout accommodated 3,000 bricks. The size has been doubled, and orders for engravings on bricks are being accepted.

“We initially created the brick memorial courtyard to honor individuals for their service and to raise funds to complete and maintain the memorial,” Sincock said. “Some mistakenly believe that all the bricks represent deceased Soldiers, but

that is not the case. Some bricks or blocks represent those lost in combat or who have died in the years following their service, but some of the bricks honor the living and their service.”

“With the closing out of the war fighting in both Iraq and Afghanistan within the next year, we anticipate that as more Tropic Lightning Warriors have time to reflect upon their service and the loss of their friends, we will be adding additional names,” said Allen Hoe, president, 25th ID Memorial Association.

Memorial Courtyard

For more information about the brick memorial courtyard, visit www.25thida.com.



Soldiers and family members with the 25th ID perform a traditional Tahitian drum dance during the Asian Pacific Heritage Month observance at the Sgt. Smith Theater, May 17. The annual event is held to honor the legacy of Asian Pacific American heritage and included demonstrations of various cultural dances from Hawaii, Tahiti and Samoa.

Asian Pacific heritage observed

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25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The 25th Infantry Division hosted its annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month observance at the Sgt. Smith Theater, May 17.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is a celebration of Asian Pacific Americans’ contributions to history, culture and society.

The observance began as a weeklong event in May, 1978. In 1990, Congress voted to expand it from a week to a monthlong celebration.

The observance included demonstrations of cultural dances, such as the Hawaiian hula, the Tahitian drum dance and the Samoan mosquito dance. Volunteer Entertainment, a group of service and family members from Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter, performed the dances.

The guest speaker for the event was Sgt. Maj. Maria Pascual Jackson, U.S. Army-Pacific noncommissioned officer in charge of retention, who was born and raised in the Philippines. Since joining the Army in 1985, Jackson has served in various leadership positions and earned many awards, including the Bronze Star and Meritorious Service Medal.

“It’s always great to be part of something greater,” said Jackson. “Asian Pacific Americans have made huge contributions to this nation and the military.”

Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have served in the military from the Civil War to the present. During World War II, despite being subjected to prejudice and discrimination, and being shipped off to internment camps, a large number of Nisei (first generation Japanese-Americans born in the U.S.) volunteered for service in the U.S. Army.

The 442nd Infantry Regimental Combat Team fighting unit was composed almost entirely of Soldiers of Japanese de-

scent who volunteered to fight. The 442nd is considered to be the most decorated infantry regiment in the history of the U.S. Army, earning it the nickname “the Purple Heart Battalion.”

By the end of the war, Soldiers of the 442nd had earned 21 Medals of Honor, 52 Distinguished Service Crosses, one Distinguished Service Medal, 560 Silver Stars, 22 Legion of Merit Medals, 15 Soldier’s Medals, 4,000 Bronze Stars and 9,486 Purple Hearts.

However, upon the unit’s return from war, the general American population had not changed their anti-Japanese views due to the attack on Pearl Harbor.

“We need to value each other’s differences,” said Jackson. “Oftentimes, the root of discrimination and racism stems from not understanding other cultures or where other people come from. But each time a person opens up their heart to another person, it gives way to new understanding and sometimes ends prejudice.”

By 1965, immigration law finally abolished national origins as a basis for allocating immigration quotas, giving Asian Pacific Americans full legal equality with other groups.

“Diversity doesn’t mean a state of division,” Jackson said, “but more like a point of respect. It is up to this generation of Americans to make sure that the United States of America is living up to its promise of being a place where all things are possible and a land where all individuals have dignity and worth.

“I am of Spanish, Filipino and Japanese decent, and I am an American,” Jackson said.

The term Asian Pacific American refers to those of native Hawaiian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Asian Indian, Laotian, Cambodian, Thai, Pakistani or Samoan decent, to name some. The Asian Pacific American designation encompasses over 50 ethnic or language groups.



Send announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

Today

OK Tornado Relief — To help people affected by the Oklahoma tornado and other crises, people can make a donation to American Red Cross Disaster Relief at www.redcross.org, by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or texting the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.

These donations help provide food, shelter and emotional support to those affected by disasters.

GSA ServMart Closing — As of today, no more customer sales will be processed at the General Services Administration’s ServMart located at Bldg 2069, Humphreys Road, Schofield Barracks. The facility will be turned over and officially closed June 28. Call 655-1284.

Kalakaua Lane Closure — A single lane closure along Paukuwaho Place, for construction within the Island Palm Communities, Schofield Barracks, is scheduled to begin, ending July 8. The lane will be closed weekdays 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., holidays excluded. Call 655-7668 or 655-7393.

27 / Monday

Memorial Day — Have a safe holiday honoring our nation’s heroes. The Army Museum at Fort DeRussy will be closed to the public.

28 / Tuesday

Facebook Town Hall — Attend the quarterly online USAG-HI Facebook Town Hall,

hosted by Col. Daniel Whitney, commander, USAG-HI, from 6-7:30 p.m., at www.facebook.com/usaghawaii, under the Events tab.

29 / Wednesday

HUREX begins — Exercise! USAG-HI will conduct its annual hurricane exercise from now until June 6. Makani Pahili (Strong Winds) is a joint exercise involving the state of Hawaii and all military services to prepare for the annual hurricane season.

Residents can expect alerts and announcements from the mass notification/giant voice systems, from emails, and from other websites during the exercise. Your patience and support during this important exercise are greatly appreciated. Call 656-0219.

31 / Friday

DKO Ends — Defense Knowledge Online reaches the end of its life. Users wishing to retain content stored on DKO must download it before midnight EST, May 31, at <https://efs.deps.mil/>.

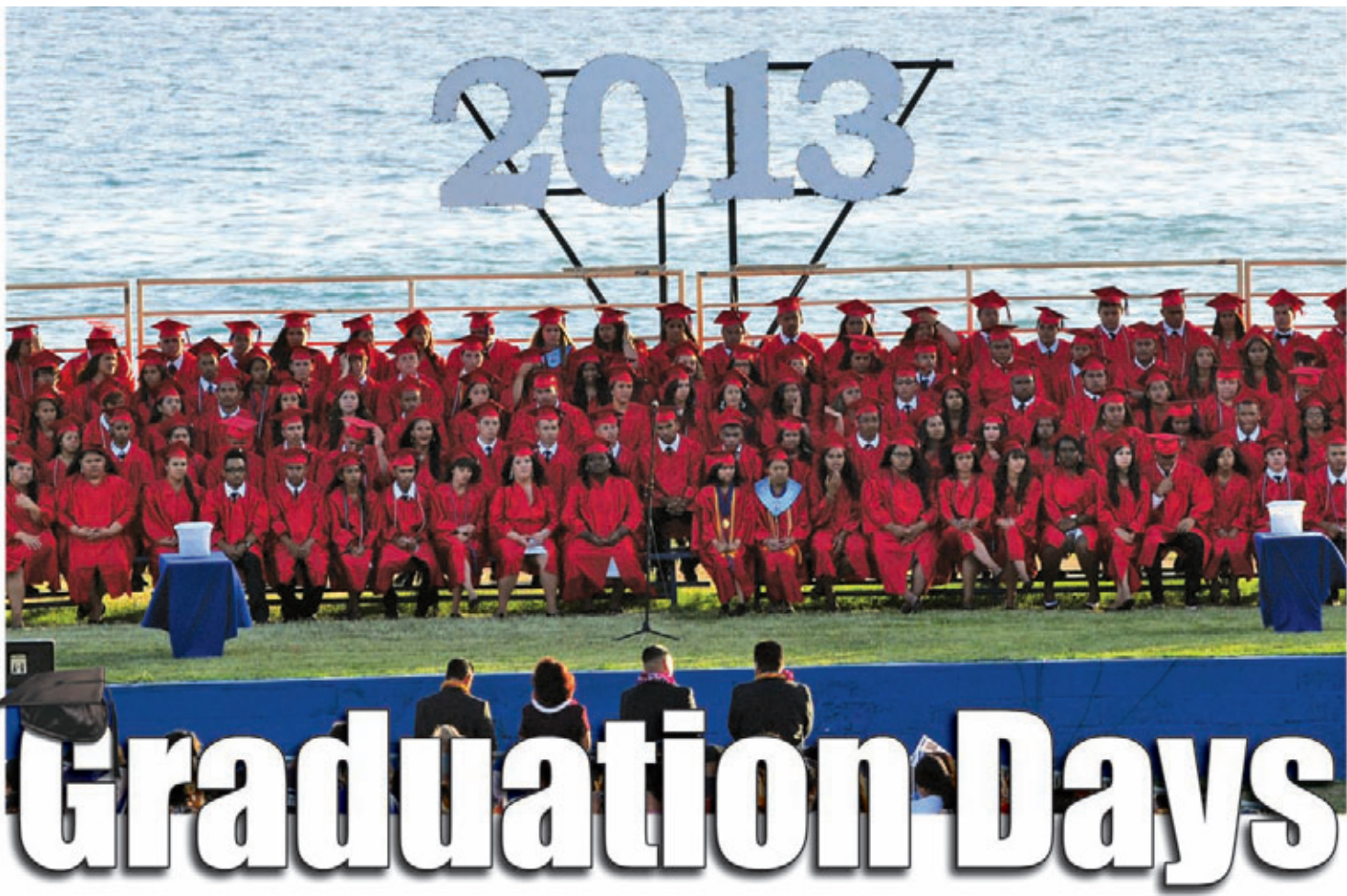
June

1 / Saturday

Hurricane Preparedness — The annual hurricane season in Hawaii runs from June 1 to Dec. 1. For a list of recommended items to include in your emergency kits, call 656-0219 or ask for a copy at news@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

5 / Wednesday

Education Fair — The Schofield Barracks Army Education Center will sponsor an education fair in the center’s lobby, located in Yano Hall, Bldg. 560, 2nd Floor, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Representatives from 15 schools and colleges will be on hand to advise prospective students about their various degree programs and educational opportunities. Call 624-3939 or 384-7172.



Graduates from Waianae High School sit in refurbished bleachers during their graduation ceremony, May 17. The 25th ID's Sgt. Audie Murphy Club, as well as other Soldiers from the 25th ID and students from the WHS JROTC, volunteered their time and services to repair bleachers and paint areas, making this year's WHS graduation ceremony possible. (Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Nelson Martinez, 25th Infantry Division Sgt. Audie Murphy Club)

Sgt. Audie Murphy Club helps Waianae

STAFF SGT. WILLIAM SALLETTE
25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

WAIANAE — It is that time of year again — graduation season.

For many schools on Oahu, graduation will be at Aloha Stadium, but for Waianae High School, it was on its own football field, where more than 350 students received their diploma, May 17, before a big crowd of family, friends and well-wishers.

For large events, the school usually brings in guardrails to designate certain areas and sets up 1,000 chairs. But this simply wasn't enough to seat all of the family members and friends.

Hence, the 25th Infantry Division's Sgt. Audie Murphy Club stepped in and began its work.

The school had bleachers built back in 1957, but time and salt water had made them unsafe. The SAMC decided to lend a hand, and with only a few weeks of work with the Waianae Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps, it was able to repair and restore 15 sets of bleachers, which made more than 750 seats available for graduation.



Soldiers from the 25th ID repair bleachers, May 3, in preparation for Waianae High School's graduation. Volunteers repaired bleachers and painted, making this year's WHS graduation ceremony possible.

“We just wanted to give these students the opportunity to celebrate such a huge moment in their lives,” said Sgt. 1st Class Nelson Martinez, president, 25th ID SAMC. “These graduates deserve the best, and everyone needs a little help every once and a while. We were just lucky enough to have been a part of it.”

Waianae High School sits right on the west coast of Oahu. In fact, it's so close that when a large swell comes, students can hear the waves crashing during classes. The school's athletic field is literally a part of the coastline.

The school has had its graduation on this site since the first graduation class of 1959, and recently had to fight to keep it there instead of moving it to the Aloha Stadium like many other schools around the island.

“We want to not only keep the beautiful scene for our students, but we want to help the community as well,” said Janice Uemori, transition coordinator, Waianae High School. “It would be a chore for many family members to drive or get transportation to Aloha Stadium, plus with the scenic background we have here,

how could you ever want to be any other place?”

Although it may seem insignificant, the repair of the bleachers now has made more than 750 seats available for attendees of the graduation.

“There will likely be upwards of 2,000 friends and family members here for the graduation, and there is just no way we would ever have the room to provide seats for all of them,” said Cyrilla Manuel, transition coordinator, Waianae High School.

In addition to repairing the bleachers, the SAMC also cleaned and painted the stage area for graduation, and then assisted in the breakdown.

“We are very appreciative for all of the help we received,” said retired Master Sgt. Buddy Rego, senior army instructor for Waianae JROTC. “It simply wouldn't have been as beautiful or easy without the help from the 25th ID.

“This partnership has been fantastic,” Rego added. “We hope we can continue working together, because the longer we stay partners, the stronger we become as a community.”

Fed DOE endorses Hawaii's guidelines

‘Strive HI’ replaces components of federal NCLB requirements

HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
News Release

HONOLULU — The Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) is pleased to announce it has received federal approval for a new Strive HI Performance System designed to ensure all students graduate college- and career-ready.

The redesigned school accountability and improvement system approved by the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) replaces many of the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) with multiple measures of success to meet the needs of Hawaii's students, educators and schools.

“Approval to move forward with the Strive HI Performance System validates our strategic direction and allows us to build on Hawaii's successes,” stated Superintendent Kathryn Matayoshi. “With the new system, we are more focused on college- and career-readiness, rewarding high-performing schools and customizing support to students, educators and schools with strategies proven in the Zones of School Innovation (ZSI).”

After winning a Race to the Top grant in 2010, HIDOE established two ZSI that targeted support for struggling schools in rural or remote, hard-to-staff areas serving the largest population of native Hawaiian and economically-disadvantaged students in the state.

The Strive HI Performance System is a culmination of work by Hawaii educators, parents, community groups and higher education. It replaces NCLB's most ineffective and outdated components with meaningful benchmarks aligned with goals of the HIDOE/Board of Education State Strategic Plan.

HIDOE will work closely with Complex Area Superintendents and principals this summer to ensure school leaders and educators are positioned for successful implementation of the Strive HI Performance System in the coming school year.

“We are proud of the work happening at every level of Hawaii's public education system to prepare students for real-world demands and provide better data, tools and support to students, educators and schools,” said Deputy Superintendent Ronn Nozoe. “Now, with the approval of the Strive HI Performance System, we've unlocked the potential of all these efforts to work together in a coherent way to support success.”

Online Webinar

HIDOE will host a webinar from 9-10 a.m., May 28, to provide more information about the new system.

Register now, with event password “striveHI,” at <https://hvl.n.webex.com/hvln/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=733937907>.

Get more details at www.hawaiidoe.org/strivehisystem.

Inaugural CSM Kwon scholarships presented

LINDA WILLOUGHBY
Solomon Elementary School

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Honoring years of service to the school and community, the first Harry Kwon Scholarships were awarded at May Day ceremonies, here, May 17.

A foundation honoring retired Command Sgt. Maj. Harry Kwon, who serves the school as a safety officer, recognized him for his leadership, dedication, mentorship, integrity and loyalty.

Students who exemplify his traits were also honored.

“When I think of Mr. Kwon, two words come to mind, ‘selfless dedication.’ He is always so supportive and always dedicated to the Solomon ohana,” said Theresa Hopkins, military spouse who helped create the Kwon foundation.

The scholarship foundation was established to support military students in their future endeavors after high school. Though military families undergo permanent change of

station (PCS) and expiration of term of service (ETS) moves, Solomon officials still wanted a way for all students to know how much they are valued, even at a young age.

Students were nominated by their peers and rated for qualities Kwon exhibits on a daily basis.

“Mr. Kwon is one of the best teachers I had in high school,” said Elizabeth Jondreau, a former student of Kwon. “He is and always will be a great role model.”

Born and raised on Maui, Kwon served with distinction in the Army for 27 years, including two tours of duty in Vietnam. Since his retirement from the military, he has been actively working with adults

and young people as an adult corrections officer and as an Army JROTC instructor for Leilehua High School. He retired after 15 years in the latter position. The last eight years he has served as Solomon Elementary School security attendant.

While at Solomon, Kwon has vol-



Recipients of the first-ever Harry Kwon Scholarship accept their Solomon coin for exemplary achievements from retired Command Sgt. Maj. Harry Kwon (right) during the Solomon Elementary School's May Day ceremony, May 17. (Photo courtesy Solomon Elementary School)

unteered his time as the junior police officer advisor. For seven years under his guidance and dedication, JPOs received six superior ratings by the Honolulu Police Department.

Kwon was also selected for the “Ola Pono” award in 2005. His love

for children provides him with the motivation to stay active and young.

“Mr. Kwon is a genuine treasure at Solomon Elementary. His dedica-



Briefs

25 / Saturday

AMR Pool — The pool reopens. Hours of operation are Mondays-Wednesdays, Saturdays-Sundays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. It’s closed Thursdays-Fridays.

Swim classes are available. The season runs through Oct. 16. Call 833-0255, after May 25.

TAMC Summer Pool Hours — Summer and fall schedule begins May 25 and runs through Oct. 16. Pool open Mondays-Tuesdays, Thursdays-Fridays, as follows:

- 6-8:30 a.m., for active duty PT;
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for waddling pool and adult lap swimming;
- 1-6 p.m. for open swimming.

Saturday is open swimming, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. The pool is closed Wednesdays and Sundays. Call 433-5257.

26 / Sunday

Sunday Brunch — Enjoy Sunday Brunch at SB Mulligan’s Bar and Grill, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 438-1974.

27 / Monday

Mongolian Barbecue — Dinner is served starting at 5 p.m., Mondays, at SB Kolekole Bar and Grill (655-4466) and Thursdays at FS Mulligan’s Bar and Grill (438-1974). Cost is 65 cents per ounce.

28 / Tuesday

Taco Tuesday Night — Kolekole Bar and Grill offers three tacos, rice and beans specials for \$4.99. Call 655-4466.

29 / Wednesday

Preschool Story Time — Take your toddlers to story time, Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Sgt. Yano Library, SB. Different theme and story each week. Call 655-4707.

New Drawing Classes — Learn

SHARING A SALUTE



WAIKIKI — Sgt. 1st Class Leon Nelson (back row, center) and Staff Sgt. Rob Bertholf (back row, right), veterans with the Army Guard Reserve and Air Force, respectively, raise a salute with 75 fourth-graders at Jefferson Elementary School, here, May 17, during “Take A Veteran To School Day,” an annual event hosted by Oceanic Time Warner Cable and the History channel.

The event, which coincides with Military Appreciation Month in Hawaii, provided an opportunity for the veterans to share stories about their experiences in the military and serving overseas. Students also were able to feel the immense weight of the actual armored vest and helmet Nelson wore on deployment in Iraq. (Photo courtesy Oceanic Time Warner Cable)

basic cartoon drawing at the SB Arts and Crafts Center, with creativity and confidence, by taking the mystery out of drawings.

Wednesday sessions follow:
•Adult class, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., \$35.
•Teens class, 2-3 p.m., \$25.
All supplies included; preregistration required. Call 655-4202.

BOSS Meetings — Single Soldiers and geographic bachelors are invited to Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meetings every Wednesday to discuss community service projects and fun upcoming programs. Call 655-1130.

- South meetings, 10 a.m., 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, AMR Chapel.
- North meetings, 3 p.m., every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, Tropics Warrior Zone.

30 / Thursday

Flower Lei Making — Sew a lei and learn about this Hawaiian tradition, 4-5 p.m., at the Fort Shafter library. Call 438-9521.

31 / Friday

Golf Scramble — Play in the US-ARPA Pay Day scramble every last Friday of the month at FS Nagorski Golf Course.

Call 438-9587 for details and registration or email donald.k.birdseye.civ@mail.mil.

Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet — Enjoy delicious local style food every last Friday of the month at SB Kolekole Bar & Grill (655-4466) and at FS Mulligan’s Bar & Grill (438-1974).

Friday Night Fever — Enjoy a \$5 special for Cosmic Bowling at Wheeler Bowling Center. Includes three games and one shoe rental, 5-10 p.m. Call 656-1745.

June

3 / Monday

Fourth of July Spectacular — Reserve your picnic site, beginning June 3 at 9 a.m., in the Special Events

Office for the Fourth of July Spectacular festival of fireworks and live entertainment, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Enjoy games, rides, food, a mechanical bull ride, crafts, prizes and much more. For \$75 you secure a reserved 20x25 space for your family and friends.

Spaces are perfect for grilling and viewing all entertainment and fireworks.

For details, visit himwr.com or call 655-0113 or 655-0115.

Ongoing

RV/Boat/Jet Ski Lot — Store recreation equipment. Auto Skills is \$40 for 16-foot and below and \$50 for above 16-feet. Call 655-9368.

Richardson Pool Closure — SB’s Richardson Pool is closed until July. Restrooms and showers are open from 6-9 a.m., during PT, Mondays-Fridays. All other operations have moved to Helemano swimming pool.

Community Calendar

Send announcements a week prior to publication to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

Today

Military Appreciation Month Discounts — Visit the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii’s “Military Affairs” dropdown to view information about events and military discounts offered by local businesses to military ohana during Hawaii Military Appreciation Month. Search http://coc.hawaii.org/hawaiimilitaryappreciationmonth_new.asp.

Sew a Lei for Memorial Day — The City and County of Honolulu host this event, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., May 24, at Honolulu Hale, downtown Honolulu, to honor our fallen veterans. Learn to help sew leis for the upcoming Mayor’s Memorial Day Ceremony.

Lei Drop-off Locations — Community members can drop-off completed lei today, May 24, at these locations:

- Wahiawa Fire Station, 6:30 a.m.-2 noon;
- Kapolei Hale Security Desk, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., 1000 Uluohia St.

Dominique Wilkins — NBA Hall of Fame player Dominique Wilkins will appear, 3:30-5:30 p.m., at St. Louis School McCabe Gymnasium, 3142 Waiialae Ave., on behalf of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, free of charge.

Youth Camp Deadline —

FREE SCHOFIELD PREVIEW



SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Service members, retirees, their families and authorized civilians will be treated to a free premiere of “Man of Steel,” rated PG-13, 6 p.m., Saturday, June 8, at the Sgt. Smith Theater, as well as the Hickam Memorial Theater.

AAFES will give away free tickets to the showing, May 29, at the Schofield Food Court: Burger King, Anthony’s Pizza & Charley’s Steakery.

Seating will be open to non-ticket holders 30 minutes before show time, June 8, at Sgt. Smith Theater.

This free studio appreciation of “Man of Steel” is the sixth free screening for the Schofield Barracks and Hickam exchanges during the last six months, according to Tom Matthew, Schofield Food Court and theater manager.

The “Man Of Steel” commercial release date is scheduled for June 14.

ucation.htm for more information and applications. Inquire at omk@ctahr.hawaii.edu or call 956-4125.

25 / Saturday

Lincoln Symposiums — Prominent Lincoln scholars are featured in this symposium, 1:30-4:30 p.m. each day: May 25 at UH Hilo and May 26 at UH Manoa. Tickets for either event are \$8, in-

cluding reception following the presentations. Order at <http://lincoln.hawaii-conference.com/> or call the UH Hilo Conference Center at (808) 974-7555.

28 / Tuesday

Facebook Town Hall — Attend the quarterly online Facebook Town Hall, hosted by Col. Daniel Whitney, commander, USAG-HI, from 6-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 28, at www.facebook.com/usaghawaii, under the “Events” tab.

29 / Wednesday

Social Wahines — Free admission to women’s social and business networking opportunity, 5:30 p.m.; it brings top women’s organizations in Hawaii together at the YWCA, 1040 Richards St. RSVP at NetworkingforWahines.eventbrite.com.

30 / Thursday

Celebrating the Military Family — Armed Services YMCA of Honolulu is having its first “special breakfast” event, 7:30-9 a.m., Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. Military families and wounded warriors will be honored.

Individual tickets are \$250. Proceeds support ASYMCA programs for military families and wounded warriors. Call Stan Lum at 473-3398 or 473-3399, or visit the Armed Services YMCA at <http://asymcahi.org/>.

June

1 / Saturday

North Shore Ocean Fest — The Turtle Bay Resort will host this second annual event, noon-6 p.m., June 1, with free activities, including ocean education booths, children’s activities, kayak and stand-up paddleboard lessons, a family sand sculpture competition, ocean fishing lessons for kids, speakers and films.

worship Services

Additional religious services, children’s programs, educational services and contact information can be found at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil. (Click on “Religious Support Office” under the “Directorates and Support Staff” menu.)

- AMR: Aliamanu Chapel
- FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
- HMR: Helemano Chapel
- MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor
- SC: Soldiers’ Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel
- WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

Buddhist Services

- First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD
- Fourth Sunday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex

Catholic Mass

- Thursday, 9 a.m. at AMR
- Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC, WAAF
- Sunday services:
 - 8:30 a.m. at AMR
 - 10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex
 - 11 a.m. at TAMC
- Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. at MPC and 12 p.m.TAMC

Gospel Worship

- Sunday, noon. at MPC
- Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

Islamic Prayers and Study

- Friday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex
- Friday, 2:30 p.m., TAMC
- Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.; 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at MPC Annex

Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)

- Friday, 7:30 p.m. at PH

Pagan (Wicca)

- Friday, 7 p.m. at MPC Annex Room 232

Protestant Worship

- Sunday Services
 - 8:45 a.m. at MPC
 - 9 a.m., at FD, TAMC chapel
 - 10 a.m. at HMR
 - 10:30 a.m. at AMR
 - 10:45 a.m. at WAAF (Spanish language)
 - 11 a.m. at SC (Contemporary)
- Liturgical (Lutheran/Anglican)**
- Sunday, 9 a.m. at WAAF

This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater

Call 624-2585 for movie listings or go to aafes.com under reeltime movie listing.



Oblivion

(PG)
Fri., May 24, 7 p.m.
Sat., May 25, 7 p.m.
Thurs., May 30, 7 p.m.



The Croods

(PG)
Sat., May 25, 2 p.m.
Sun., May 26, 2 p.m.

No shows on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Calendar abbreviations		
8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command	ASYMCA: Armed Services YMCA	Recreation
25th ID: 25th Infantry Division	BCT: Brigade Combat Team	FRG: Family Readiness Group
ACS: Army Community Service	BSB: Brigade Support Battalion	FS: Fort Shafter
AFAP: Army Family Action Plan	Co.: Company	HMR: Helemano Military Reservation
AFTB: Army Family Team Building	CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services	IPC: Island Palm Communities
AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation	EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program	PFC: Physical Fitness Center
	FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare and	SB: Schofield Barracks



Mike Egami (right), Living History Day organizer, stands with re-enactors next to a display of armored vehicles during the annual event, held in celebration of Armed Forces Day, at Battery Randolph, Fort DeRussy, Saturday. (Photo by Don Bennett, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii)

The past takes on a livelier look

Re-enactors star at ‘Living History’

U.S. ARMY MUSEUM HAWAII
News Release

FORT DERUSSY — The U.S. Army Museum Hawaii celebrated Armed Forces Day with Living History Day at Battery Randolph, here, Saturday.

The 13th annual event began promptly at 9 a.m. with a Presentation of Colors by Boy Scout Troop 33, the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem and Hawaii Pono`i.

Crowds numbering in the hundreds browsed through the static and interactive displays. They enjoyed military memorabilia, the restored military vehicles and modern-day Soldier equipment and weapons.

The event attracted visitors from neighboring hotels and curious onlookers as they walked from the nearby park and beach. Military families and local residents showed they were interested in military memorabilia.

Members of Hawaii Historic Arms Association fielded questions about their collection of guns, ranging from the antiquated U.S. model 1816 musket, with its flintlock-firing, and the .69-caliber barrel, to the modern-day assault AK-47.

“Our veterans recalled the weapons they trained with and fired when they were in the service, and we truly enjoy sharing our knowledge of the historic arms with those that have little knowledge of the history and capabilities of these arms,” said

Shelton Tyau, member of Hawaii Historic Arms Association.

“We try to emphasize the historical side rather than the shooting aspect of the weapons.”

Throughout the day, the variety of activities — from listening to the distinct sounds of Scottish bagpipes, performed by the Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawaii, or watching classic war films at the Corps of Engineers Regional Visitors Center auditorium — provided something for everyone. For more intense action, participants could watch Military Police trained K-9 dogs capable of sniffing out drugs or attacking criminals.

Always a big hit, Soldiers were dressed in combat uniforms with weapons, and tactical vehicles displayed mounted weapons and other weapons used in combat.

“I really enjoyed learning so much about the protection gear that our Soldiers wear in combat, and the mortars and sniper rifles used in combat. I couldn’t imagine hitting a target up to two miles away,” said Reggie Cowland, a visitor from New Zealand. “We gained so much more insight to what it is like to be a Soldier in combat.”

“This annual event to honor our military on Armed Forces Day is held at the museum grounds located at the Fort DeRussy recreation center in the heart of Waikiki. It is always nice to recognize and thank our military ohana and community,” said Judi Bowman, director of U.S. Army Museum Hawaii. “We are fortunate to have such a dedicated group of loyal, historical and preservation organizations that make it successful each year.”

IPC signs new resident utilities billing provider

ISLAND PALM COMMUNITIES
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Minol Inc. has been contracted by Island Palm Communities (IPC) to provide resident utility billing services, effective with the June 2013 billing period.

Minol replaces current billing provider YES Energy Management.

“U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii is one of the largest privatized residential communities in the Army’s portfolio, and Minol has a tremendous amount of experience and resources that can support a utilities program of our size and scope,” said Tom Adams, IPC’s director of property management.

“Given the company’s track record working with military communities, we’re confident Minol can provide our residents with a strong customer service program and en-



hance the billing process and utility data management with new technologies,” Adams added.

Beginning July 1, IPC residents can access their account online to pay bills, check their daily consumption, and view historic consumption and statements.

Residents can get familiarized with Minol’s consumption statement by logging on to www.islandpalmcommunities.com/go/minolstatement. The example statement identifies where information is located, such as the customer account number, current energy use in comparison to buffer zones, historical consumption data and more.

Minol Inc. has more than 60 years of experience in the energy and property management industry and is an industry leader in providing innovative solutions to measure, manage, recover and conserve energy.

It currently provides utility billing services to all service branches — Army, Air Force, Marines and Navy — on more than 70 installations across the nation.

Point of Contact

Upon receiving the first statement from Minol, residents can log on to www.minolusa.com and follow the step-by-step instructions to set-up an account.

Residents can also call Minol’s customer support at (888) 636-0493 between 5 a.m. and 6 p.m., Hawaii Standard Time, or email info@minolusa.com.

Sample Statement

Residents can get familiarized with Minol’s consumption statement by logging on to www.islandpalmcommunities.com/go/minolstatement.

KWON: School honors safety officer

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tion to the students, families and staff are cherished by all,” said Ajifu Solomon, principal, Solomon Elementary. “Mr. Kwon graciously serves the Solomon Elementary community to ensure the success of all students.”

“Mr. Kwon is as much a part of Solomon Elementary as anyone could ever be,” said Ana Sanchez, school transition coordinator. “His loyalty and dedication to our military families never goes unnoticed, and we are very blessed that we have had the honor to know him and to learn from him.”

2013 Harry Kwon Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Each recipient, below, received a \$50 savings bond and a Solomon coin for exemplary achievements.

•*Gabrielle Pino*
(daughter of Staff Sgt. Loren Pino, 643rd Maintenance Company, 84th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, and Mrs. Pino)

•*Cheyenne Meeks*
(daughter of Staff Sgt. Nathan Meeks, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 45th Sustainment Bde., 8th TSC, and Mrs. Meeks)

•*Gracelyn Willis*
(daughter of Staff Sgt. Justin Willis, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 728th Military Police Bn., 8th MP Bde., 8th TSC, and Mrs. Willis)

•*Ashley Adams*
(daughter of Sgt. Roy Adams , Company C, 209th Aviation Support Bn., 25th Combat Avn. Bde., 25th Infantry Division, and Mrs. Adams)

•*Miranda Uribe*
(daughter of Spc. Andrew Uribe, 84th Bn., 561st MP Brigade, 8th TSC, and Mrs. Uribe)

‘Hawaiian Grammys’ are Saturday



SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Every year, the Hawaiian Academy of Recording Arts hosts a spectacular awards show honoring the best of Hawai‘i’s music; the show is known as the Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards.

The 36th annual awards take place Sat-



WAIKIKI — Matt Sproat of the group Waipuna gives his acceptance speech during last year's Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards. This year's 36th annual awards show takes place May 25 at the Hawai‘i Convention Center, here. (Photo by Lynn Piccoli)

urday, May 25, at the Hawai‘i Convention Center in Waikīkī.

The awards are the Hawaiian music industry’s biggest night and the culminating event of Mele Mei, May’s monthlong celebration of Hawaiian music.

The significance of the event was explained by Hawai‘i Academy of Recording Arts Vice President Kale Hannahs, a multiple Nā Hōkū Hanohano award-winning musician himself.

“For over three decades, H.A.R.A. has led the effort to champion and celebrate the best of Hawai‘i’s music. While the association has strong roots in Hawaiian music, and was instrumental in catapulting Hawaiian music to the global stage, it is truly an association that celebrates all the wonderful forms of music created in Hawai‘i,” Hannahs said.

Hannahs explained how the event has grown in recent years to include awards in new genres, like alternative music, which was added as an award category this year.

“While Hawai‘i is primarily known for Hawaiian music, most people don’t realize that Hawai‘i also has quite an amazing rock, hip hop and alternative music scene. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to highlight some of our best local talent from those genres. It will only show how much music in Hawai‘i continues to grow and evolve,” Hannahs noted.

May is a very important month for native Hawaiian arts and music. Both MAMo and Mele Mei take place this month.

MAMo stands for Maoli Arts Month; Maoli is a Hawaiian word for the term “native.” The month celebrates Native Hawaiian arts and artisans across the

state. A large family-friendly Native Hawaiian arts festival will be held at Bishop Museum, May 25-26. It is open to the public.

Mele Mei (Hawaiian for May Music) is the month of Hawaiian music festivals and celebrations led by H.A.R.A. It includes numerous public performances by many of Hawai‘i’s most famed musicians.

The Nā Hōkū Hanohano award show is preceded Friday, May 24, by the Nā Hōkū Music Festival, which is a day of music workshops featuring some of Hawai‘i’s best local musicians. It offers the public an opportunity to learn from those in the music business.

Resources

- Review the Hawaiian Music Concert Calendar at www.mele.com/resources/events.html.
- Learn more about the annual May Mele Mei at www.melemei.com.
- For additional information about MAMo, visit www.maoliartsmonth.org.

Leilehua Summer Concert Series

- The Leilehua Summer Concert Series continues Friday, June 7, at 6 p.m. at the Leilehua Golf Course with a performance by Nā Hōkū Hanohano award winner Nathan Aweau.
- Admission is free, with food and drinks available for purchase.
- June 7, Nathan Aweau;
 - July 13, Mike Ka’awa; and
 - Aug. 10, Kawika Kahiapo.

‘Better Hearing’ targets hazards

COL. MARJORIE GRANTHAM
U.S. Army Public Health Command

While most of us are aware that hazardous noise damages hearing, how to protect ourselves in a way that allows us to live and work in a world of sometimes dangerous sounds is just not intuitive.

Whether your favorite noisy recreational activity involves shooting, hunting, musical concerts, working out to tunes on your personal listening system, jamming with your band, boating or fishing on your favorite local waterway, achieving the perfect garden, or heading out for NASCAR, sporting or Scouting events, there is a hearing protector that is right for you.

Remember, too, that you can reduce your hazardous sound exposure by listening to music and other good sounds below the halfway point on the volume control, by limiting listening time and by giving your ears some quiet time to recover.

So, how do you know when you need hearing protection?

If you are standing three feet away from someone and have to raise your voice above the background sounds, or if you are facing someone and the noise is so loud that you cannot hear him from this distance, use hearing protectors.

Earplugs, earmuffs and communications and protection systems, such as Tactical Communications and Protective Systems (TCAPS), come in many different styles. If you are unsure whether your hearing protectors fit or are the right kind for the sounds you are in, check with your installation hearing program manager, your audiologist, your hearing technician or your unit hearing program officer.

It is no longer inevitable that you retire from the Army with hearing loss. Research demonstrates that if you wear your hearing protection properly and at the right time, you’ll retire from Army service with your hearing intact.

Best of all, you can enjoy your favorite sounds off duty, too.
(Editor’s note: Grantham is the Army Hearing Program manager.)



Courtesy photo.

U.S. Army Public Health Command

To learn more about how the Army Hearing Program supports you, visit these sites:

- <http://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/workplacehealth/hrc/Pages/RelatedSites.aspx>, and
- <http://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/workplacehealth/hrc/Pages/default.aspx>.